

and George A. Swaren was the first postmaster.

Today, Clifford remains a small but vibrant community. The town organizes a senior citizens league and a 4-H club, and has a very profitable farmers' cooperative. The Traill Rural Water Company, housed in Clifford, helps to provide water for irrigation for all of Traill County. The community has come together in recent years to fix up the town spaces, making it a destination to be proud of.

To celebrate its 125th anniversary, the town of Clifford is organizing a celebration, which will include a parade and a dance with a live band. An all-faith worship service and dinner will also be held. It promises to be a wonderful event.

Mr. President, I ask the Senate to join me in congratulating Clifford, North Dakota, and its residents on their first 125 years and in wishing them well through the next century. By honoring Clifford and all the other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the pioneering tradition spirit alive for future generations. It is places such as Clifford that have helped to shape this country into what it is today, which is why this fine community is deserving of our recognition.

Clifford has a proud past and a bright future.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6969. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a quarterly report on the status of the Commission's licensing activities and regulatory duties for the period covering January-March 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6970. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources; Monitoring Requirements" (FRL No. 8176-8) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6971. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Michigan" (FRL No. 8176-6) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6972. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Minnesota; Alternative Public Participation Process" (FRL No. 8178-6) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6973. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Maintenance Plan Revisions; Ohio: Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Plan Updates; Limited Maintenance Plan" (FRL No. 8177-8) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6974. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Control of Air Pollution From Motor Vehicles and Nonroad Diesel Engines: Alternative Low-Sulfur Diesel Fuel Transition Program for Alaska" (FRL No. 8178-3) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6975. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "EPAAR Prescription and Clause—Simplified Acquisition Procedures Financing" (FRL No. 8179-6) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6976. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Partial Approval of the Clean Air Act, Section 112(I), Delegation of Authority to the Washington State Department of Health" (FRL No. 8177-2) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6977. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "PM2.5 De Minimis Emission Levels for General Conformity Applicability" (FRL No. 8176-3) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6978. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation of Fuel and Fuel Additives: Refiner and Importer Quality Assurance Requirements for Downstream Oxygenate Blending and Requirements for Pipeline Interface" (FRL No. 8178-5) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6979. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Management, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to

law, the report of a rule entitled "Remarriage of a Surviving Spouse" (RIN2900-AM24) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-6980. A communication from the Administrator, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Minority Small Business and Capital Ownership Development Report for Fiscal Year 2005; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-6981. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Zoxamide; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8060-5) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6982. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Requirements for Requests to Amend Import Regulations" (APHIS Docket No. 02-132-2) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6983. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Emerald Ash Borer; Quarantined Areas; Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0046) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6984. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Baby Corn and Baby Carrots from Zambia" (Docket No. 05-059-2) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6985. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pine Shoot Beetle; Additions to Quarantined Areas; Wisconsin" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0039) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6986. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards for Privately Owned Quarantine Facilities for Ruminants" (Docket No. 00-022-2) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6987. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2005 Section 32 Hurricane Disaster Programs" (RIN0560-AH45) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6988. A communication from the Staff Director, United States Sentencing Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's 2004 Annual Report and Sourcebook of Federal Sentencing Statistics; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6989. A communication from the Staff Director, United States Sentencing Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's report on the Impact of United States v. Booker on Federal Sentencing; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6990. A communication from the Chairman, Office of General Counsel, Federal